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## **General Comment**

Thank you for making women's health a priority through the new policy requiring health insurance plans to cover birth control without a co-pay.

It is important that all women have access to contraceptive coverage regardless of where they work. This access allows women to space their pregnancies which helps with healthy pregnancy and childbearing. Fewer unintended pregnancies can also reduce the need for abortions and allow women to better control their own destinies.

Thanks again for this science-based, pro-woman policy.